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Queen Cheer Hansen, center
with her attendants Miriam
Johnsen, left, & Julia Larson, right.

This Issue:
Escalante Encampment
BSA Approves MB Trail
Relay Reunion



Photo courtesy D.U.P.



President W. Phil Robbins

A combined feeling of elation and disappointment from the happenings of recent weeks, combined with a strong feeling of patriotism which always surges with the coming of "Independence Day", leaves me fatigued and somewhat frustrated.

The tremendous success of our Nauvoo to Salt Lake City Marathon Relay, capped by a successful "Termination and Brigham Young Birthday Celebration" at *This is The Place* monument, makes my pulse rise and adrenalin flow each time it is discussed or thought of.

At the same time the "turn-about" of the Parks director in his decision to withdraw the agreed-upon building site leaves me puzzled, gasping, and disappointed in humanity.

But such is life, and with determination to succeed in our "new Home" endeavor we are negotiating for another location through another source, confident that we will attain an even better final package than the former location would have provided, and without Government control or harassment.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GOALS REVIEWED

Further announcement on this should be forthcoming at an early date. As the 4th and 24th of July celebrations approach, slightly more than two months remain in which to accomplish the goals we set in August of last year. To recount, these included 1) double our membership; 2) double the number of chapters; 3) increase attendance at Chapter meetings; 4) increase member involvement in Chapter and National activities, and 5) Start our "New Home".

Some progress has been made in all areas, but we are far from our goals of membership and chapters, and, I am sure, a long way from total involvement in Chapter and National activities.

Your support is solicited at this time by attending the "Sunrise Services" sponsored by the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter.

This service was followed by the Days of '47 Parade, one of the foremost parades in the nation, sponsored by the Salt Lake City Chapter.

We are proud of these chapters and their dedication in the sponsorship of these famous activities over the years, and solicit the cooperation and attendance of all members and their families to make these events successful.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

With two months left in which to prepare, we remind you of the Escalante Encampment, and again ask cooperation and involvement of

all members and their wives and families by attending the annual National meeting, and challenge the officers of each chapter to endeavor to make their Chapter number ONE in percentage of members in attendance September 13, 14, and 15th.

An excellent program of events has been arranged by President-elect Ken Wiseman, who is chairman of the great event, and he has spent many hours and much work and planning to assure all who attend a glorious and memorable time. But only YOU, members, and wives and families, can really make this a success by attending, or cause failure by your absence.

We have been assured adequate gas supplies to make the trip, but we are making arrangements for stand-by emergency supplies in the event of further government or Oil Company maneuverings.

The facilities for Campers, Trailers, Motorhomes and Tents are excellent, and members are encouraged to join in the "circle-your-wagons" arrangement, which can bring a new feeling of comradeship to those who attend.

For those who do not have R.V's or who do not wish to make use of this type of facility, adequate facilities are available at motels in Escalante and surrounding towns, or in homes of church members in Escalante. Arrangements for these accommodations can be made by contacting Ken Wiseman, at 292-1878.

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This three generation family group really went all-out for the Nauvoo Relay. Grandfather Phil Robbins (far right), his wife Bernice (not in photo), and his daughter Suzanne Kennedy served as escorts for the marathon. Phil's two grandsons John and Todd Kennedy each ran a ten mile stint in Wyoming during the historic Mormon Trail Relay. This family has endurance. Congratulations.

RUSH NOMINATIONS BY AUG. 15

Chapters and others wishing to submit nominations for the annual SUP awards are advised to send the names, with supporting data, to:

SUP Nominating Committee

3357 S. 2300 E.

Salt Lake City, Utah

The committee is composed of the past three national presidents, and it would like to have your recommendations for vice president and the Life Membership committee.

SUP Building Fund-Raising Dinner a Great Success

By W. Lowell Castleton

On June 22, 1979 146 SUP members and wives were entertained at the \$25.00 per plate fund-raising dinner for our New SUP building to be built soon. The cost of the dinner was donated by Vaughn and Gwen Wimmer, now missionaries in the Oregon-Portland mission. It was served by their family, the Distinctive Caterers. We are most grateful to these SUP members for their wonderful contributions. Over \$3400 was thus added to our building fund.

Brother Emil Fetzer, L.D.S.

Architect, graphically described background experiences as to the building of the new Temples of the Church, which was most interesting. Mrs. Jerry Josephson and Marjorie C Kjar provided the music which we all enjoyed.

★★★★★★★★★★

Already funds are being received for our next project. This is for names to be inscribed on the memorial plaques to be placed on the walls of our new SUP building. Details are listed below:

THE HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK

by Dr. David E. Miller

When the pioneers arrived at the rim of the Colorado gorge they found a cleft in the canyon wall, but it was nothing like the present notch known as Hole-In-The-Rock. What we see there today is a man-made chasm chiseled, picked and blasted out of the solid rock wall by members of the expedition during the months of December and January 1879-80. The first pioneers arrived at the scene early in December, 1879 and had to climb up a considerable incline of about 25 degree pitch in order to see through that natural cleft in the canyon wall. From their point of vantage thus gained, there was a straight drop of about 45 ft. From the base of this sheer wall the degree of decline was about 45 degrees.

In order to build a road it was necessary for the pioneers to literally blast out this fissure wide enough and deep enough to allow the passage of wagons. It was not necessary to cut a notch through the rock to eliminate the sheer 45 ft. drop, but an approach to the passage was also required. This necessitated the blasting of a "trench" approximately 100 ft. long which today constitutes an approach to the "hole" itself.

Inside the chasm itself a passage had to be blasted that would be wide enough for a wagon and not so steep as to make wagon travel impossible. The result was accomplished in about six weeks of hard labor on the part of every able bodied man in the company.

An assault on the major barrier — the 45 ft. sheer drop — was made by lowering men over the edge of the cliff in half barrels, dangling them there in midair while they drilled holes in the face of the cliff and placed small charges of blasting powder. The shortage of powder prolonged the task and made it more difficult.

The first wagon was driven down the new "road" on January 26, 1880.



Wayne Banks, President of the host chapter, welcomes all to the Encampment

Wayne Banks, president of the *Hole-In-The-Rock* chapter of the SUP at Escalante, was the former Stake President of Cedar Rapids Stake at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

His employment while stake president was chief of program management with the U.S. Army Weapons Command at Rock Arsenal, Illinois.

For 22 years he was chief civilian executive at Fort Wingate Ordnance Depot at Gallup, New Mexico. His delightful wife, the former Glenna Barker, from Escalante, Utah and President Wayne Banks have five children.

President Banks extends a cordial welcome to all nation-wide Sons of the Utah Pioneer visitors at the coming Encampment expedition on September 13-14-15, 1979. He is diligently completing the exciting scheduled plans for this memorable affair and urges all members to make prompt plans and reservation. The *Hole-In-The-Rock Chapter* feels honored to host this out-standing event.

Reported by:
Norma H. Schow

Contributors Should Identify Ancestor

In the process of SUP members contributing \$100.00 to the New Building fund so that the name of an ancestor may be entered on a plaque, there is the possibility of duplication since the response has been good.

To avoid more than one member sending in the same name, John J. Nielsen, Exec.-Secy., suggests that both past and future contributors send in the following information regarding the family name to be memorialized:

NEW FORM - HS-SUP

Name to be inscribed on Plaque _____

Entered Valley or born Prior to May 10, 1869 _____

Date of Birth _____

Died _____

Where _____

Where _____

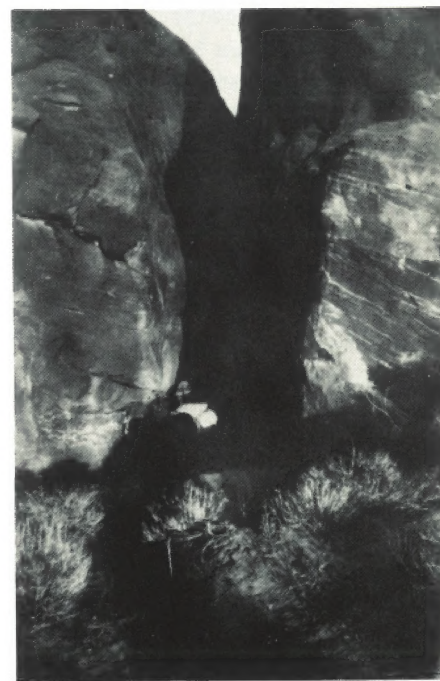
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Current Address _____

Chapter Affiliation _____

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Looking up toward the treacherous "Hole" through which the pioneer wagons must pass.

MORMON TRAIL RELAY PARTICIPANTS DO ADMIRABLY IN HISTORICAL EVENT

by Oliver R. Smith, Relay Co-chairman

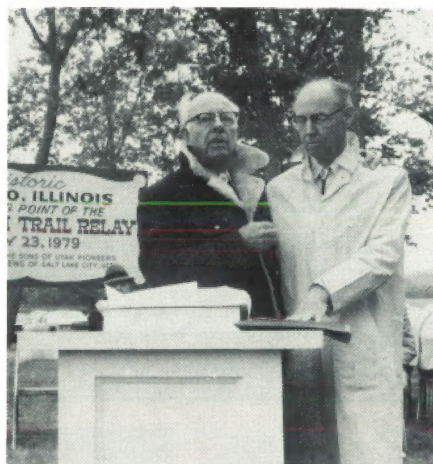
While the original Mormon pioneers of 1846-69 had crossed the great plains with ox teams or handcarts, approximately 400 of their descendants ran along the famous trail on foot in the unique Mormon Trail Relay May 23-June 1, 1979.

The unusual relay was sponsored jointly by the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Deseret News of Salt Lake City to commemorate the federal designation of the route as a National Historic Trail. Running in groups of two or three, its participants each covered a ten-mile segment of the 1,450-mile journey from Nauvoo, Ill., to the mouth of Emigration Canyon overlooking Salt Lake City.

Motivated by discussions with Dr. Stanley B. Kimball, it was suggested in August, 1978 by Salt Lake City Mayor Ted L. Wilson to a fellow jogger, Wendell J. Ashton, publisher of the Deseret News, when both were in Nauvoo to attend the dedication of the "Exodus to Greatness" Monument and the SUP flagpole at the starting point of the Mormon Trail.

As national SUP president in 1947, Mr. Ashton had led the SUP motorcade re-enactment of the original pioneer trek, and accordingly conferred with the current SUP leaders who agreed to join in the new relay project.

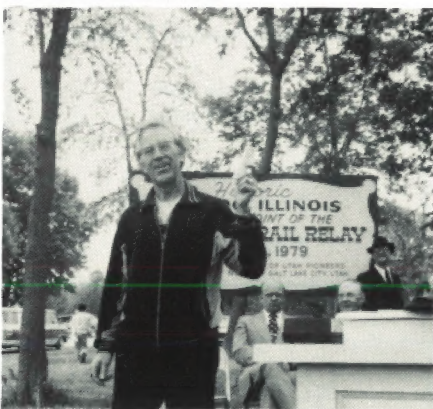
Oliver R. Smith, immediate past president of SUP, was appointed as co-chairman of the relay, along with Keith D. West, Deseret News promotion director. Dr. Stanley B. Kimball of St. Louis, historian of the Mormon Trail foundation, was enlisted to select a precise route along existing roads nearest the original trail, and to draw the 145 ten-mile segments on detailed maps. These were marked on the roads with stakes during early May by Dr. Kimball, Marvin and Oliver Smith, and Ken Wiseman, SUP relay committee members.



National President Phil Robbins, left, introduces Relay Chairman Oliver R. Smith to the audience in Nauvoo.



Part of the escort crew in Nauvoo awaiting the signal to start. They are 1 to 5: Dr. Oliver Smith, Ray Hanks, Henry Timmerman, Ken Wiseman, Dr. Stanley B. Kimball & Col. Elmer B. Jones.



Editor William B. Smart of the Deseret News speaks to the audience just prior to running the first ten mile segment of the 1450 mile relay.

Other general committee members for the relay included SUP President W. Phil Robbins, Executive Secretary, John J. Nielsen, past president Adolph Johnson, and William B. Smart and Hal Knight of the Deseret News, and Don LeFevre.

Invitations published in the Church News brought an enthusiastic response from over 400 runners--men, women, and youngsters--eager to honor their pioneer forebears by participating in the event. Of this number, 135 signed up also for membership in SUP.

Runners were assigned to positions and times on a schedule which continued around the clock for ten days, except for Sunday which was reserved for rest and worship. An average of 80 minutes running time was allocated for each ten mile segment.

CARRIED MESSAGES

Plans were made also for stake or mission representatives on the route to obtain special messages to be taken to Salt Lake City in three hollow batons carried by the runners. These messages came from the U.S. Department of the Interior, the governors of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Wyoming, and from local church and civic leaders.

The relay began with a riverside sendoff program at Nauvoo on May 23, after which the first three runners were taken by boat across the Mississippi to Montrose, Iowa. There a volley from a Mormon Battalion rifle squad directed by Col. Elmer B. Jones signalled the start of the official run.

These and succeeding groups of runners were accompanied by three official escort vehicles on their day-and-night schedules. They were driven by committee members Robbins, Knight, and Marvin and Oliver Smith, aided by Ray E. Hanks, Henry Timmerman, Bernice Robbins, and Suzanne Robbins Kennedy.

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Mormon Trail Relay

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GROUPS CHEER RUNNERS

Local church groups and historical societies held special programs at points of interest along the route to coincide with the arrival of the relay runners and accompanying vehicles. The principal gatherings were at Garden Grove, Iowa; Florence, Grand Island, North Platte, Ash Hollow, and Scottsbluff, Neb.; Ft. Laramie, Casper, Independence Rock, and Evanston, Wyo.; and Henefer, Utah. (The program at Henefer was arranged and conducted by The Ogden Pioneer Chapter of SUP.

A huge welcoming program at "This is the Place" Monument in Salt Lake Valley marked the conclusion of the run on June 1. Participants included President Spencer W. Kimball, Utah Governor Scott M. Matheson, Mayor Wilson and the Tabernacle Choir. Its exciting climax came with the arrival of the three final runners, surrounded by about 100 other runners who had participated earlier and came to Emigration Canyon to join in the final 10 miles of the unique relay.



Top: Part of the Evanston, Wyo. crowd which gathered at 6 a.m. to welcome the runners.

Center: A group of runners who attended the Relay Fireside at the North Platte, Neb. chapel on Sunday, May 27.

Bottom: An overflow crowd filled the North Platte chapel for the Fireside program which honored the relay runners. Chairman Oliver Smith is at the pulpit. Other speakers seated behind him (l to r) are: J. Vernon Combs, Dr. W.F. Kroutil who is 1st counselor in the Nebraska District Presidency, Mrs. Nellie Yost of the Nebraska Historical Society, & National SUP President Phil Robbins. In the foreground are Henry Timmerman and Hal Knight, relay committee members.

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EXCERPTS FROM DESERET NEWS

A crash of gunfire from a Mormon Battalion rifle squad was the signal starting the first three runners on the Mormon Pioneer Trail relay—one of the longest and most unusual relay runs ever held.

It was not a race as such, but rather a chance for the runners to travel the same path their ancestors had trod in the previous century and to pay respect to their pioneer heritage.

The idea of covering a portion of the trail and sharing something experienced by their forefathers seemed to hold a fascination for many people. Taking part were people from all walks of life, lawyers, scientists, FBI agents, housewives, military personnel, students, airline pilots, and a great many college professors.

The first relay team consisted of William B. Smart, editor and general manager of the Deseret News; Robert Goodrich, a newspaperman from Belleville, Ill., and Mary Pomeroy White, a housewife from Quincey, Ill.

"I remember the hardships of the Mormon pioneers as they struggled across this part of the country," said Richard Webber, Dumfries, Va., an FBI agent. "Every time I started to get tired running uphill, I'd think about Brother Brigham, then I wouldn't feel so bad."

Whole families got involved. Robert and Fran Stones, Hancock, Mich., and their nine children made a family vacation out of the event while the father and four of the older youngsters participated in the relay.

"We feel a sense of appreciat-

ion for the pioneers," Stones said. For Eric Stones, 19, who had been called to serve in the Alabama Birmingham Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the relay was "a great family trip."

For many of the runners, one 10-mile segment wasn't enough. Some ran several times during the 10-day event and a few runners covered 20-mile stretches in their exuberance.

A few runners inserted their own messages in the blue baton destined for President Spencer W. Kimball of the LDS Church. Talmadge Walton, 15, and his brother Thaddeus, 13, both of Bristol, Ind., stuffed in a hand-written note expressing their pride at being able "to run in the first Mormon Trail relay."

People of all ages took part in the relay as it proceeded across the trail. The oldest was near 60, the youngest was nine. Many came a thousand miles or more under considerable hardship to participate.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity and I want to be involved," said G. Rex Frazier, Salt Lake City, expressing the feelings of most of the runners.

"It gave me goose bumps," said Gordon Larson, North Hollywood, Calif., describing the feeling of running in the same path as his pioneer ancestors.

One of the more remarkable aspects of the whole relay was the ability of the runners to be in the right place at the right time to start their 10-mile segment at some obscure point along the trail.

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Top: Trail specialist Dr. Stan Kimball stakes a starting point. Note the Oregon Trail marker in the background.

Center: Jeanine Smith, Yuma, Arizona proved to be a capable runner.

Bottom: The Johnson sisters of Provo stand ready to do their part.

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B.S.A. Accept Battalion Trail On Awards Program

Official recognition has been given to the Mormon Battalion Trail by the National Office, Boy Scouts of America, Col. Elmer B. Jones reported to the SUP board meeting.

The document read: "We wish to inform you that the application for approval of the Mormon Battalion Trail, sponsored by the U.S. Mormon Battalion, meets the historic trail specifications and has been approved. This trail will be added to our list of historic trails and the Campways listing for use by Scout personnel."

Col. Fred M. Reese, a Scouter of 65 years, conceived this idea over six years ago, stated Elmer Jones who worked diligently this past six months to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

Elmer worked through John D. Warnick, Director of Mormon Relationships with the national Scouting program. He, in turn, reported that he had the backing of the L.D.S. Authorities.

National SUP President Phil Robbins congratulated the Battalion on this accomplishment.

Other committee members serving with Elmer Jones, besides Fred Reese, included: Lt. Col. D. Wesley Reese, Major Byron Snow, Major Gerald Sorensen, Lt. Grant Eastwood, Lt. Charles Wright, Col. Earl A. Hansen, Lt. Col. J.C. Richards, Lt. Dee A. Broadbent, Lt. John D. Warnick and Marvin E. Smith.

Congratulations to Fred and Elva Reese

Col. and Mrs. Fred M. Reese will be honored at an open house on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary at their home in Kanab on Sunday August 12, 1979. Their children invite friends to call but suggest "no presents."

The Reeses have two sons in Salt Lake City: LaVar and Ralph; and a daughter Carol (Mrs. Jim) Skaggs in Kanab. Fred and Elva have acquired 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

The honored couple have been unusually active during their years in Salt Lake City and then in Kanab during their last years. Fred has been a Scouter all the time, and developed the M Men program of athletics. He edited and published the Rocky Mountain Sports Magazine for several years. He directed several dramatic productions, coached basketball, and took tour groups through the little-traveled wilderness canyonlands.

He was an employee of Deseret News most of his life until moving to Kanab where he managed a motel until his retirement. He has given intense service to the SUP Mormon Battalion since its inception. In 1975 Fred served as chairman of the SUP national encampment which was held in Kanab.

In recognition of services rendered Col. Reese was presented with the coveted Silver Beaver Scouting award. More recently he was presented with the outstanding Senior Citizen plaque.

The Pioneer congratulates this versatile couple for their lifetime of service to humanity on their 60th wedding anniversary.

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Sierra Chapter

On June 2nd the Sierra Chapter met at the State Park in Coloma for a picnic luncheon. The fried chicken with baked beans and all of the trimmings were served on park tables under the oak trees in perfect weather. Ten members and their wives were in attendance.

Early in the morning of June 30th the Chapter's five man construction crew of President Hacken, Evan Perkins, Fay Johnson, Ray Willits, and Jack Wittwer went to Placerville to work on the El Dorado County Museum. Most of one wall, approximately 75 feet, of a display shed was completed. The museum is being developed with volunteer help under the direction of Bill Covington.

The chapter trek which was scheduled for Genoa, Nevada on July 28th has been postponed until further notice.

Sunrise Service In Tabernacle

The Pioneer Chapter again sponsored the sunrise service in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. This stirring event, a tradition since 1963, featured Elder Hugh Pinnock of the First Quorum of Seventy as speaker. Pioneer and patriotic music was furnished by the 250 voice Jay Welch Chorale, with the Salt Lake Repertory Orchestra.

Robert Simonsen, vice-president of the Chapter and program chairman, reports that this is now an official event of the days of '47. The Mormon Battalion, under the direction of Elmer Jones presented the impressive flag ceremony.

The services began promptly at 7:00 July 24, lasted an hour but was out in time for those watching the parade to take their places.

Many members of the Sons of Utah Pioneers attended and were thrilled with this moving program.



Elder Hugh Pinnock

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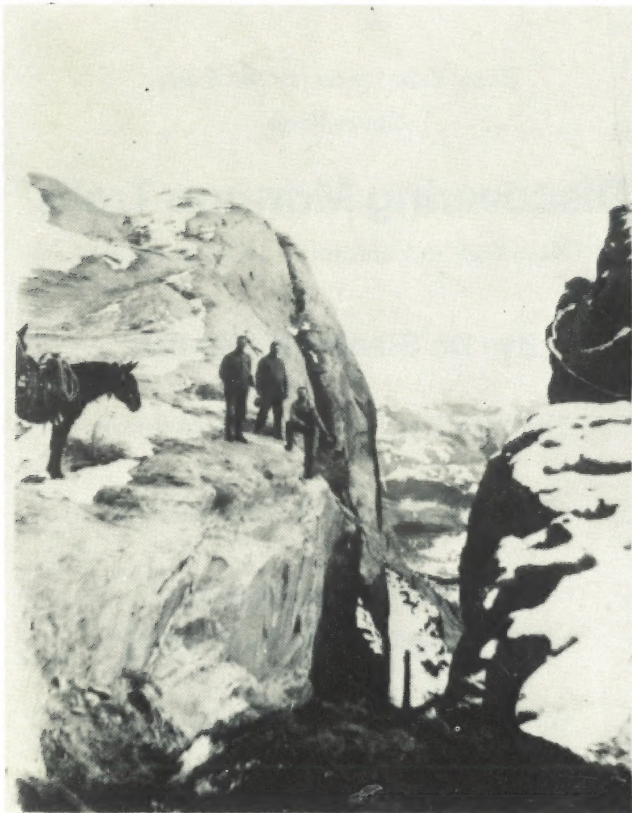
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1979 - ENCAMPMENT REGISTRATION



*The Rock Corral enroute to the "Hole". A spring is located near by.
Photos from Utah State Historical Society*



*Bottom: Looking down the trail
from the top. Note the snow.*

Your registration form **must** be in the NS-SUP
office no later than August 23, 1979.

This is a must
because many people are involved in
activities requiring correct head counts.

The following activities require a correct
number of persons count.

Chuck Wagon Style Breakfasts
by the Kanab and Cedar City chapters

Lunches to take out to
"Dance Hall Rock"

Beef Bar-B-Q
done by the "Hole-in-the-Rock" chapter

Buses to take out to
"40 Mile Rock"

and
Calf Creek Camp Ground

ENT at Escalante

INFORMATION

Those who have not yet secured lodging reservations will save time and expense by phoning or writing the Encampment Chairman, Ken Wiseman (292-1878), 148 W. 400 S., Bountiful, Utah 84010

The motels report that they are full at this time, but Ken has reserved additional rooms at Ruby's Inn, and The Pines near Bryce Canyon.

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Circle D Motel

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20 East Main

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☆ NOTE: Check in and pick up your meal ticket at Escalante City Office - S. E. Corner HS Playgrounds - Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning.

THURSDAY

2:00-8:00

Check In (No registrations accepted.)

8:00 p.m.

A film at the church
"The Impossible Journey"

FRIDAY - SEPT 14th

7:00-8:00

Breakfast

9:30

Leave for Hole-in-the-Rock

4:00

Dance at "Dance Hall

Rock" Live music by

Alvey and Gang

Beef Bar-B-Q

7:00

SATURDAY - SEPT 15th

6:30

Breakfast for N.S. officers at the Double D Inn

7:00-8:00

Breakfast

9:30

General meeting for all Sons.

9:30

Ladies leave for Boulder and Calf Creek by bus.

12:00

Sons leave for Calf Creek to lunch with ladies.

7:00

Banquet

(DO IT BEFORE AUG. 23)

Registration.....	\$2.50
Friday breakfast per person.....	\$2.25
Friday lunch per person.....	\$2.60
Friday Bar-B-Q per person.....	\$5.50
Saturday breakfast per person.....	\$2.25
Saturday lunch per person.....	\$2.60
Saturday banquet per person.....	\$6.00
Bus fare Friday per person.....	\$2.00
Bus fare Saturday per person.....	\$1.50
Camping space per night.....	\$1.00
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(Aug. 23 is deadline for reservation)

Runner Writes

SUP Relay Chairman:

I was very excited about being able to run in the Mormon Trail Relay.

It was really surprising to wake up on May 31 in Wyoming and find it snowing. Especially because I had to run two hours later past the same place. I was sleeping in the cab of a truck.

We also had our hardships. While driving to the starting point, the car I rode in ran over some broken pipe. We got two flat tires and only had one spare. The nearest city (Farson) was about thirty miles away. Finally a police officer came along and took our tires and had them repaired.

I found my leg of the relay particularly exciting because I got to cross the Continental Divide line. It made my part special.

If I ever felt like stopping, I just thought about pushing a handcart and somehow I wasn't as tired, but kept on going.

I was really glad I was able to run in the relay, and it is my goal to run it next year if possible.

I have been running for about a year and a half and have run and completed the Deseret News Pioneer Marathon and the Golden Spike Marathon as well as numerous other races.

I also run Cross Country and Track for Bountiful High School. I am a priest in the Mormon Church and was able to baptize my cousin. I also enjoy attending seminary.

Hope to run next year,

Sincerely,

Brent Childers No. 121
819 Woodmoor Circle
Bountiful, Utah 84010

Special Thanks From SUP

Gratitude is expressed by President W. Phil Robbins, national president SUP, to those who assisted with the program at This is the Place Monument June 1st, which honored Brigham Young's birthday, as well as the finish of the Nauvoo Relay.

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W. Phillip Robbins, President
National Society, SUP

Please accept our sincere congratulations for the excellent and magnificent project you and your associates achieved in the Mormon Trail relay run from Nauvoo, Illinois, to Salt Lake City, May 23rd to and including June 1, 1979. Also the program at the "This is the Place Monument" held and timed with the finish of the relay run on the evening of June 1, 1979.

We recognize the work and planning that was necessary and evident in organizing and succeeding, as you did, to accomplish such a huge endeavor. It was well done and was, and is, a great tribute to you, your associates and the 450 runners who so willingly contributed their time and energies, and also to the National and Local Sons of Utah Pioneers members and organizations that responded so well to the needs and success of the enterprise under your able guidance.

Thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

Herald L. Carlston
President, Salt Lake City Chapter

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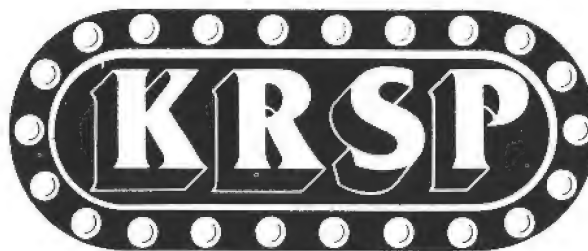
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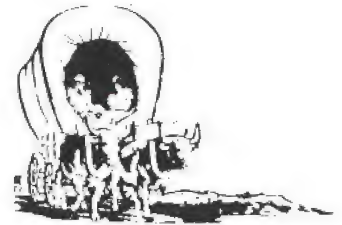
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Andrus Half Way House Selected for Pioneer Trails State Park

Compiled by Russell Stocking,
Temple Quarry Chapter



After the early settlement of the Mormon Pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley the normal movement of people was to the north and south following the natural terrain of the valleys, probably the largest movement was to the south.

To satisfy the needs of travelers, freighters, stagecoach, trappers etc. numerous places for overnight accommodations were built. A natural one was midway between Travelers rest near 6400 South and Porter Rockwell's layout near the point of the mountain.

Milo Andrus an early pioneer and great missionary for the L.D.S. Church, having come to Salt Lake Valley in 1850 with a company of saints who he had charge of coming from England. He organized this group of saints and others and was their leader while crossing the plains and brought them to the valley with very little difficulty. He later served various colonization missions and was a pioneer also of Green River, Dixie, and Cache Valley in Utah and Salmon River and Oxford in Idaho. He moved some of his families in the mid and late 1850's to an area called the Jordan Bottoms near and north of present day 10600 South where he filed for 160 acres of land which he purchased and later received a patent deed dated September 10, 1875. This land extended east to present day State Street which was then as now the major road (before the freeway system) going south from Salt Lake.

This area was also called Dry Creek which was a former outlet for Little Cottonwood Creek, where there was an abundance of good water available by digging wells. After some stay in the Jordan Bottoms which in those days had also plenty of water and natural grasses for forage for livestock. Milo, previous to a call to serve a mission to England in 1859 called his families together and gave them several assignments for the caring of livestock and distribution of food etc. in order to survive while he was away.

Some of the wives at Dry

Creek then, were Lucy Loomis Tuttle Andrus, Adeline Alexander Andrus, and Jane Mundy Andrus. To Lucy, he assigned the responsibility of building a hotel at 10330 So. State, the Hotel was renamed The Half Way House and has carried that name even to the present day.

Lucy, along with many others had suffered many hardships. Having had black scurvy while crossing the plains and had been left a widow with a young family previous to her marriage to Mile Andrus, she was an industrious and well organized person.

The building she was assigned to build when finished had a large dining room and a kitchen and parlor downstairs and three bedrooms upstairs.

A BUSY LIFE

After the Half Way House was finished, naturally the wives found themselves sharing communal living which was a new situation for them and caused some adjustments but they learned to accept conditions as they were. One wife was assigned the job of cooking, to another house keeping and washing of dishes, to another sewing and to another the care of the livestock and horses and milking of cows. Adjacent to the house was a large barn with a good well near by.

The girls of the families, many who were very talented entertained the guests at the Half Way House which was a real oasis in those days. The wives walked to and from Draper ward to attend Relief Society which was a distance of eight miles there and back before they could afford other means of transportation.

Jane Munday Andrus had many special talents, she taught school in South Jordan across the river. She went to school for training and became a graduate mid wife. She ran a knitting machine for the Draper Relief Society and owned

one of the first sewing machines brought across the plains. The building although used as a residence for the Andrus families and available to a degree for overnight lodging by travelers had other uses. The Andrus children and those of near by neighbors were taught school at different intervals, probably by Jane Munday Andrus.

NOT A PONY EXPRESS STATION

During the interval of the Pony Express, April 31, 1860 to October 24, 1861 it has been mentioned in some of the Andrus histories that some of the boys of the families took care of horses for some of the riders, and it has been generally thought for a long time that it was a Pony Express Station but that is officially not correct. It may have been used as an emergency station only, as the official stations south of Salt Lake were Travelers Rest at 6400 South State and Porter Rockwells major stop over at the point of the mountain, which was one of the largest stop over places going south. It was a major stage coach, travelers and general rest area and also a relay station for the Deseret Telegraph. Mention is made that the Half Way House was called a tavern and as work was spread of its availability many segments of the traveling public used the accommodations available.

A special note but not a happy one should be mentioned of one of the children of Emma Covert and Milo Andrus. When times were hard they gave one of their children to the Archibald Gardner family in West Jordan, this child was Carrie, born September 17, 1872, and at the age of six on christmas day, trudged across the Jordan River to the Gardner home carrying all she owned done up in a large bandana. She later married Robert Gardner. A daughter of Carrie, Elva Gardner

Andrus House

(continued)

Goff, was kind enough to help this writer gather some lead information on the Andrus family which was most helpful in establishing a base for research.

SPANISH FORK HOTEL

Lucy Loomis Tuttle Andrus operated the Half Way House for about seven years. In the late 1860's, times became hard for the families. A freighter and friend by the name of James Miller told Lucy that a great opportunity presented itself for a hotel in Spanish Fork. Lucy explored the possibilities and decided in 1868 to move her family there. They built the Spanish Fork Hotel which turned out to be a very prosperous venture and operated it for many years. They were able to purchase other properties in the area and were among the early stalwart pioneers of Spanish Fork. By this time some of the other wives had moved to other places.

With the coming of the Railroad south from Salt Lake, travel diminished considerable on State Street causing hard times to operators of the Hotels and travelers stop overs.

NEW OWNERS

On October 29, 1881 the property was sold to John Eddins who moved some of his families from Salt Lake to the Half Way House. He lived part of the time in Salt Lake where he operated a brewery which was the second one built there. He was an expert horseman, Indian Scout and fought in the Black Hawk war, he was also engaged in helping to build the Salt Lake Temple, having come to Utah in 1847 with Heber C. Kimball's company.

A daughter, Harriet Susanah Eddins Smith remembered people stopping at the well of the Half Way House to refresh themselves. She remembers very vividly Porter Rockwell being one of them as he was a frequent visitor and that she often combed and braided his long black hair. Some mention is made in some histories and by some now living that Porter Rockwell operated a bar at the Half Way House and served the necessary ingredients to those who were interested.

Co. D PAYS RESPECTS TO PIONEER VETERANS

Members of Company "D" of the Mormon Battalion, Logan Chapter, and their families visited 16 graves of original Mormon Battalion Pioneers who are buried in Box Elder and Cache Counties and in Southern Idaho. Eight carloads began at Brigham City where the graves of John E. Forsgreen, Abraham Hunsaker and Jarvis Johnson were visited and flowers were placed on each grave. Then a salute and a moment of silence was given at each grave that we visited that day.

Then on to Hyrum to the grave of Harlum McBride; to Millville, to George W. Cummings grave; to Hyde Park to William Hyde's grave, to Smithfield to the grave of Alonzo P. Raymond.

On to Newton to Foster Curtis; Weston, Idaho to James W. Lemmon; Clifton, Idaho to T.C.D. Howell and on to Red Rock Pass near Oxford, Idaho to the grave of Capt. Jefferson Hunt and members of his family. Here we were met by two great grand-sons of Capt. Hunt and they reported some historical facts about their great grand-father and showed us Capt. Hunt's sword that he had while in the Battalion.

From here we went to Richmond, Utah to honor David P. Rainey; Thomas Richardson; Joseph Dobson; William D. Hendricks and Elijah Allen. A very delightful tour was enjoyed by the entire group.

Anyone having additional information about any other original Mormon Battalion men, who are buried around this area, are urged to contact Merlin Kendrick, at 752-7409.

SMITHFIELD PARADE

On the 5th of May, the annual Smithfield Health Day parade was held at Smithfield. Participating in the parade was the Mormon Battalion of Company "D" with their color guard and marching men. Also the Temple Fork Chapter of the



Men of Co. D honor our Pioneer Veterans at Smithfield cemetery.

Sons of the Utah Pioneers float was entered, of which was honored with a third place award. Chairman of the float is Merrill Page under the leadership of Dr. Theris P. Astle, President.

During the week of the 26th of May, Captain Roland Mortensen underwent surgery in the Logan Hospital. He was unable to attend the annual visit to the graves with his company.

by Merlin W. Kendrick

RELAY REUNION FOR RUNNERS AND FAMILIES

The relay committee has announced that a special reunion of participants will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Oct. 6, 1979 in the Utah Power and Light Co. Auditorium, 40 E. 100 S., Salt Lake City. Slides and films of the event will be shown and SUP members, families, friends, and others interested are invited.

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Youngest SUP Chapter Seeks Expansion, Sets Example

On March 22, 1979, the Salt River Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers was organized in Phoenix under the leadership of J. Morris Richards, Paul Updike, Junius W. Gibbons and others.

According to the constitution, "The Purpose of this Chapter, an affiliate of the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, is to bind the members together in an association of fellowship in spiritual, cultural and economic ideals; to preserve the heritage of pioneer ancestors, to promote the advancement of people and the betterment of communities, and personal development; and to consider any policy or recommendation, public or private, which may be pertinent to the interest of the society."

The National Society has been actively involved in historical projects pertinent to Church and national history. The most recent project was the Run from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City. At least five Mesa men participated in the Run by carrying the baton ten miles each in Nebraska and Wyoming. All runners were invited to participate in the last ten mile run which terminated at the THIS IS THE PLACE monument, where there was a special program with the Tabernacle Choir and President Kimball participating, to commemorate the trek made in 1847.

The following brethren, who are members of the Salt River Chapter are inviting you to join with us each third Thursday for fellowship, eating together, and just good LDS enjoyment. We are also looking forward to organizing a Mesa area chapter of the Society October 25, 1979. The annual dues to the organization are \$10.00. You will find enclosed an application for membership form. Please fill it out and send the dues check either to the National Society or to Ivan Larson, 73 West Edgemont Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85003.

At present, the meetings are held at 6 p.m. at Sir George's in Phoenix, on Indian School Road and Second Avenue on the north side of the street. We hope to see you and your wife soon at one of our next meetings. Wives are always welcome.

In case you are really interested in the organization but cannot make the meetings in Phoenix, please call one of the men who have signed below and tell him your desires to join the Society and your suggestion for which evening of the week would be best for our monthly meetings.

Gratefully yours, J. Smith Decker, Spencer D. Madsen, Howard L. Roberts, Mason W. Davis

Arizona Is Alive and Active

Phoenix, Arizona, June 7 - The Salt River Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is now more than three months old and boasts a membership of 58. The chapter has a full staff of officers and is looking toward sponsorship of more chapters in Arizona.

Past President Oliver R. Smith of the national society presented the charter on March 22, and since then there have been two well-attended meetings where topics of historical and biographical interest have been presented. One charter member participated in the Nauvoo-Salt Lake City run along the Mormon Pioneer Trail.

President is Dr. Junius W. Gibbons, Phoenix dentist. President-elect is J. Smith Decker, retired college science professor. Vice Presidents are Crismon Lewis, editor of Latter-Day Sentinel newspaper and

Andrew S. Gibbons, retired public relations executive.

Preliminary work for the chapter was started two years ago by J. Morris Richards, former officer of the Brigham Young Chapter, and pre-charter details were handled by Paul J. Updike, Phoenix, real estate man.

An unusual feature for so young a chapter is the honorary membership list already developed, which includes some church officials.

The chapter meets the third Thursday of the month at Sir George Buffet in Phoenix.

LARKIN MORTUARY

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U.S. Mormon Battalion men gathered at the monument on the State Capitol grounds in Salt Lake City on Memorial Day to honor the pioneers. Lt. Col. J.C. Richards, C.O. for the Utah Division, was in charge. Chaplain Walter Ewell gave an appropriate eulogy for the occasion.

'Women Less Than Naked...'

by Paul Harvey

Anyway, I'm not alone anymore. A month ago you and I compared notes concerning the advertising of feminine hygiene items on television and elsewhere.

It seemed to me that TV, for all it's "codes" and protestations of innocence and careful scrutiny of cleavage, was stripping women less than naked with sanitary napkin commercials.

According to the Wall Street Journal there is more to come. "Five giant corporations are preparing to launch an all-out advertising war for the \$300 million tampon market."

The National Association of Broadcasters which sets the rules for most TV stations has decided to restrict feminine hygiene commercials to certain hours -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and after 10 p.m.

Presumably these are the hours that children are not viewing.

Only during those hours may the product advertisers tell listeners and viewers that if women really want to be fresh and smell nice they must use certain products.

I'm not alone in finding these commercials an affront.

In the Los Angeles Times Jim Sanderson writes: "My sex educa-

tion has been increased by television ads to include details of douches and woodsy-smelling vaginal spray; my sanitary napkin horizon has been expanded to include the pros and cons of beltless maxi-pads and light-day pantliners."

He said, "I tried not to pay attention but during the second half of last night's movie three different ladies tried to sell me tampons."

And his remarks brought a response from 5,000 men and women who were similarly fed up.

At least one broadcast executive says, "I seriously question whether, as an invited guest, it is appropriate for us repeatedly to talk in mixed company about these products. I know of no homes where this is a generally accepted mixed-company conversation subject."

In another paper, "TV ads for feminine hygiene products have been around for four or five years but as the public became more toler-

ant the advertisers became more graphic."

Two women -- Pat Myers and Gail Richter -- have formed an organization called OFF -- Organization for Femininity.

Through their insistence the advertising code writers agreed to the omission of certain words and phrases which the women considered particularly offensive.

But with typical Madison Avenue callousness, the peddlers of the products have managed to parade and promote the items in a code-allowable manner which I am sure they consider ingenious.

I was brought up to believe that our living room, dining room, and kitchen were open to others, but that our bedrooms and our bathrooms were private.

Obviously, that is an old-fashioned premise but, anyway, in my sadness at the legalization of intellectual rape I am not alone any more.

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This gives an idea what the 8 1/2 by 11 inch, 4 color certificate looks like. It is being mailed to each registered runner with his or her name engraved on it. This will be a desirable keepsake.

BUILDING FUND RECEIVES A BOOST

Elder & Sister Vaughn Wimmer
General Delivery
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We want to report that the "Kick Off" dinner held on June 22nd. was attended by 146 SUP members (including their partners and friends) and that all of those who attended contributed \$25.00 each or more.

There were a large number who had previously contributed but were unable to attend. We are pleased to advise you that our building fund, for our new home, was increased by \$6,700.00.

Distinctive Catering served breasted chicken with a complement of side dishes, dessert, etc. which was super and we sincerely appreciate your initiation of this fund-raising event.

Brother W. Lowell Castleton served as program and fund raising chairman and he more than anyone else went the second mile. Brother Calvin Rawlings proposed a resolution to the effect that we should extend the thanks of all who were present to you and Sister Gwen Wimmer.

Your daughter, Carol, indicates that your assignment in Cave Junction, Oregon (Little Brighton as you refer to it) may continue to be a challenging and enjoyable experience to both of you.

Sincerely yours,
W. Phil Robbins
John J. Nielsen

THE NEFF STATION

by Russell Stocking

A most significant part of the area was also the Neff property which joined the Andrus property to the north. In the late 1860's, Benjamin Barr Neff, who served with Lot Smith during 1862 on a special Mormon military contingent to help protect the mail and telegraph lines and travelers from murdering indians and other destructions. He moved his family to Dry Creek now Crescent. There he built a home and building similar to the Half Way House and was only a few hundred yards from the Andrus Home.

He operated a hotel and eating business for a few years. Evidence of this is a receipt of licenses issued in 1868, 1869, and 1870 by the Internal Revenue Office. Due to the coming of the Railroad into Central Utah this type of service ended in 1871.

During this interim the Deseret Telegraph Company had run lines to the north and south from Salt Lake and a designated office was established in the Neff Home in the fall of 1871 and called "Neff Station at Dry Creek."

A VERSATILE WOMAN

Benjamin had married his second wife Mary Ellen Love on October 7, 1870, she was a very talented person and had learned telegraphy while living in Nephi. She became the operator at Neff's Station after her marriage.

Below: l to r, Irene Smith, Oliver & Barbara Smith, Adolph & Elma Johnson enjoy the cool of Pres. Robbins yard.



Excerpts...

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Frequently, runners would end a 10-mile segment on some lonely back-country road in the middle of the night—and there would be the next team of runners waiting their turn.

For the relay runners throughout the 10-day event, there was a feeling of pride and achievement for having conquered distance and weather conditions.

And there was a special feeling of having shared something with long-dead ancestors, of having history come alive in a personal way for a short time.

Perhaps Larry Sheffield, Murray, Utah, summed it up best. "It brought me closer to my ancestors than I ever had been before. It was fun, it was exciting and it was worth working for."

Chapter Eternal

N. JOSEPH QUIST

Brother of Pres. of EMC Chapter, N. Joseph Quist, 76, died May 27, 1979, of natural causes at his home.

Born May 17, 1903, Andrarum, Sweden, to Karl and Emma Kvist. Emigrated to the United States in 1920. Married Sigrid Gustavson, June 15, 1932, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Founder of the Forest Hills Nursery in 1926, where he was president at the time of his death. President of the Utah Association of Nurserymen and the Utah-Idaho chapter of the American Association of Nurserymen. Member of the Sugar House Rotary. Active in music circles in early life. Member of the Salt Lake Music Association, including Salt Lake Theater Orchestra and the Utah Symphony. Active member of the LDS Church. Bishop of the Winder 5th Ward for six years. Member of the Winder Stake Presidency.

Survivors: widow; one son, Paul S., Riverton; brothers and sisters, Lennart, Victor and Gunnar, all Sweden; Carl and Ted, both Salt Lake City; John and Anna Colliander, Los Angeles, Calif.

One daughter preceded him in death.

Chapter Eternal

DR. RUDGER H. WALKER

Former member Board of Directors, B.Y. Chapter, Dr. Rudger Harper Walker, 76 of 1457 Cherry Lane, Provo, died of heart failure Monday, June 4, 1979 at Utah Valley Hospital. He was a prominent leader in education, administrative and research work in the field of agriculture.

Dr. Walker was born Aug. 20, 1902 in Rexburg, Ida., a son of William Adelbert and Lavina Harper Walker. He married Fawn Lucile Davies on June 6, 1923 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Dr. Walker received his education in Rexburg, graduating from Ricks High School (Academy) in 1919 and from Ricks College in 1921. He received his B.S. from Brigham Young University 1923, attended Utah State University and earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees from Iowa State University.

He was dean of the School of Agriculture at USU from 1938 to 1960, dean of the College of Biological and Agricultural Sciences at BYU from 1960 to 1968, and at the time of his death, dean emeritus at BYU.

Active in the LDS Church, Dr. Walker was a bishop and member of the General Church Welfare Committee. At the time of his death, he was high priest group leader for the Oak Hills Second Ward.

Survivors include his wife; three sons and two daughters, Dr. David Rudger Walker, Logan; Mrs. Richard E. (Diana) Lee, Mrs. Clair R. (Julia) Hopkins and Gordon Davies Walker, all of Salt Lake City, Dr. John Davies Walker, Rexburg; 24

grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Elmo (Lavina) Webster, Idaho Falls, Ida.

OTTO ROOT FIFE

Funeral services for Otto Root Fife, 78, were held Saturday, June 2 at the Cedar Stake Center. Fife died at his residence Tuesday, May 29.

An authority on the famous Zion Narrows, Otto had made 60 trips through the narrows. An enthusiastic hiker and mountain climber he tried to climb a new mountain each year, sandwiched in between his many commitments as an after dinner speaker. He especially spell-bound youth groups with his "true" stories of the great southwest.



Otto served as Iron County Sheriff for eight years and retired in 1968. His retirement lasted two weeks before he accepted a position with the United States Postal Service in a rural route which took him to Zion Canyon.

An active member of the LDS Church he served as a High Councilor and a High Priest Quorum leader and teacher. He served a mission for the LDS Church in the Swiss-German mission.

Active in Boy Scouts he has served in many capacities in the Cedar Breaks District and was the recipient of the coveted Silver Beaver Award in 1975.

Otto was born Nov. 1, 1900 in Cedar City to Joseph Smith and Emily Kate Root Fife. He married Violet Bailey Fife Oct. 24, 1926 in Los Angeles, Calif. The marriage was later solemnized in the Mesa LDS Temple on Oct. 13, 1930. He is survived by his wife, Violet, Cedar City; two daughters, Mrs. Bevan (Deloris) Jones, Brussels, Belgium and Mrs. Don (Yvonne) Woodleif, Beaverton, Ore.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister: Mrs. Rulon (LaVern) Esplin, Fruitland, Ore.; Wilford Fife, St. George and Carl Fife.

MELVIN EDWARD NIELSEN

Mr. Nielsen, a brother of SUP Exec. Sec., John J. Nielsen, was a charter member of the Taylorsville-Bennion Chapter. Several years prior, he was also affiliated with SUP through the Ute Rangers, with whom he and two brothers were active.

Melvin Edward Nielsen, 68, of 884 West 4800 South, died June 26, 1979 at home.

Born December 28, 1910, Taylorsville, to Jens and Caroline Marie Swenson Nielsen. Married Ada Little, June 25, 1943 in Salt Lake City. Marriage later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple, member LDS Church where he was a High Priest and active Home Teacher. He was a member of the Ute Rangers Riding Posse and Utah Farm Bureau. Mr. Nielsen was active in scouting, serving as a committee member and merit badge counselor. He lived in Taylorsville all his life and was a prominent and well known farmer and livestock producer.

Survivors, wife, Taylorsville; sons, Larry Melvin, Floyd Jens, Nolan Charles, all of Taylorsville; daughter, Mrs. Brent (DeAnn) Aim, Taylorsville; 11 grandchildren; brothers, John Nielsen, William (Bill) Nielsen, both Salt Lake City; Harold Nielsen and Clarence (Bud) Nielsen, both Taylorsville; sisters, Clara Dunroe, Salt Lake City; Ethelyn Eatchel, Murray; Norma Gardner, Granger; Vera Bennett, Taylorsville; Dorothy Rupp, Kamiah, Idaho.

ORVILLE ANDERSON KRANTZ

Orville Anderson Krantz, 63, passed away at home in Salt Lake City, July 7, 1979.

He was born July 30, 1915 in Salt Lake City to Johan Bernhard and Emma Charlotta Anderson Krantz. He married Elma Higgison May 28, 1947, Salt Lake LDS Temple. He was a retired letter carrier for the United States government, U.S. Postal Service. An active member of the Highland View LDS First Ward, a high priest. He was a member of the Letter Carriers Association and the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Survived by his wife, Elma, Salt Lake City; one son two daughters, Mark B. Krantz, Aurora, Colo., Mrs. Douglas (Jaydene) Buhler and Melody Krantz, both Salt Lake City; six grandchildren; one brother, one sister, Ronald J. Krantz, Costa Mesa, Calif.; Mrs. Ralph (Marie) Williams, Arvada, Colo.

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